RIBBON MADE TO FIT THE FIGURE.

LONG COATS, TAILOR-MADE GOWNS, PICTURE

HATS, SKATING COSTUMES, BROWN VELVET JACKETS AND CLOTH SKIRTS.

Box pleats, hanging straight from the shoulder

An extremely chic little gown just from Paris is

high Medici collar of chinchilla is worn, turned up. making a charming frame for the face. Tied around is a wide cravat of blue and green plaid

velvet, fastened in a bow in front, with rather

long ends. The sleeves are small leg o' muttons.

An exceedingly pretty suggestion in the way of

a draped corselet belt was shown at a leading

dressmaker's recently. It was composed of broad

in to meet the fold, which appeared to be a

tinuation of the former. This would be a pretty way of arranging a sash for a young girl's dance

Outdoor garments for half-grown girls are ex-ceedingly becoming, and when worn with the large picture hats now in vogue make any child pictur-

have a large box pleat or pleats, both back and

A pretty Murray Hill child, with pink cheeks and fuffy, fly-away blond hair, loose down

fluffy, fly-away blond hair, loose down her back, wears one of these cloaks, made of prune-colored

from the neck to the hem, and has a second pleat on either side as a relief to the centre one. The

The front box pleat is slightly graduated

additional warmth is needed, it is mos

The jaunty small toques of astrakhan

costumes may be made of rich materials, and picturesque as desired. The employment of

and bright hints of color affords a great possibility

Skating Rink lately had a skirt of green and

brown mixed plaid of rough brouette cloth. Th

jacket was of green cloth cut round just below the

alps and jurned back, with revers of brown for

slightly open to show a white cloth vest, braided

across with small frogs of gold braid. The tight

fitting sleeves had upper ouffs, turned back, with revers of the white cloth, broided across to match

the vest. With this was worn a toque of green cloth, with a band of brown fur and a wide bow of

accordion-pleated plaid silk, like wings, at the

cloth fastened with a cabochon of cut steel.

A brown velvet jacket, with a skirt of mixed

cloth, looked well. The jacket had a high standing

collar and vest of antique brocade. The high flaring collars are universally worn with skating

costumes, and are a most becoming setting for a

costumes, and are a most becoming setting for a pretty face glowing with exercise. These collars are kept in their place by bows at the back of the neck; they give a relief to the awkward look of a turned-up collar at the back.

Finally, a black velvet facket might be cited as one of the noticeably pretty garments. It was made with a straight-haaging front and closed with fur frogs of very broad black slik braid. This trimming was edged with a cord of black and gold, which also formed the trefoil at the end of cach point. The large flaring collar was lined with black caracul, and the tight-flitting sleeves had the puff at the top drawn in the centre so as to form a large bow. The short, loose sack with box pleats back and front is undoubtedly a passing fancy, but just now it is the latest fashion, and consequently has a very up-to-date appearance, and is therefore desirable. A very pretty one, matching a cloth skirt, is of beige-colored cloth, made with three box pleats in front and three behind, flaring slightly and showing white satin braided with black soutache braid. The pleats for held together with tiny "pattes" of the cloth. The collar—a small Medich—is of white satin, embroidered with black soutache braid. The pleats for held together with tiny "pattes" of the cloth. The collar—a small Medich—is of white satin, embroidered with black, in three points, one on each pleat. These points are embroidered in a continuous pattern with the collar, and are edged with black soutache, forming a trefoil at the end of each point. The sleeves are of the plain cloth.

An imported walking frock that is to be worn without a jacket, and one that suggests a very novel idea, has a tight-fitting walst of sealskin over which is draped a bodice of cloth, cut from under the arms in a curve to form a point in the front. The sealskin also extends down in a point on the shoulders, the line of the cloth at the top meeting that of the bodice. This gives continuous effect to both sealskin and coth. The line of separation between the

WHAT TO DO TO-MORROW.

"Heap on more wood! the wind is chill— But let it whistle as it will. We'll keep our Christmas merry still." —(Walter Scott.

"Again at Christmas did we weave The holly round the Christmas hearth; The silent snow possessed the earth." —(Tennyson.

"For little children everywhere
A joyous season still we make,
We bring our precious gifts to them,
Even for the dear child Jesus' sake."
—(Phoebe Cary.

"At Christmas-tide the open hand Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, And none are left to grieve alone, For love is heaven and claims its own," —(Margaret Bangster.

"Lo! now is come our joyful'st feast! Let every man be jolly. Each room with two leaves is drest And every post with holly."

The latest styles of long coats

# REFORM IN CITY AND STATE

GEORGE M'ANENY GAVE THE AFTER-NOON LECTURE AT THE BERKE-

LEY LYCEUM.

A SKETCH OF CIVIL SERVICE IN THIS STATE

Reform Association, and the lecturer, George Mc-Aneny, gave an interesting sketch of Civil Service in this State and city, with particular reference to

the events that led up to the reform.

"Two causes," he said, "operated to produce the cid New-York system, the ascendency of Aaron Burr and the formation of the Tammany Society in 1789. Aaron Burr was not a member of Tammany Hall, but was its controlling genius, and it soon became the controlling influence in city and State politics. A group of four or five men, known as the Albany Regency, and of whom Aaron Burr was chief, secured control of the primaries, and through them the absolute control of the State. Burr imposed his system of Civil Service on the State, and later, when he became Vice-President, carried his ideas to Washington. This system is known as the Burrian Code, and the propositions laid down in it are most instructive and interesting. Bolting, according to the code, is the only unpardonable.

according to the code, is the only unpardonable sin; fidelity to party the greatest virtue. Politics is said to be a game in which the reward is present in the code, is the only unpardonable ferment, and the end and aim of the politician to keep little men up and great men down, as the latter are hard to manage.

It was the assassimation of Carfield by a disappointed office-seeker, the lecturer said, that first thoroughly roused the country to the cylls of the Burrian system. The National League was formed while Garfield lay on his deathbed; since then there has been steady progress in the right direction. Governors Hill and Flower had humpered the Commission, he said, and in 1894 the administration of the law was shamefully bad; but the action of the Constitutional Convention and legislation forbidding the payment of falaries to improperly appointed officials had helped matters considerably, while the friend-liness of Governor Morton and Mayor Strong had placed the reform on a firm basis.

The principal thing remaining to be done, he thought, was to extend the reform to the counties, and some shocking examples were given of maisdministration in county offices.

In conclusion Mr. McAneny referred to some of the objections that are still made to the Civil Service Reform system.

"It has been urged," he said, "that it is English, "It has been urged," he said, "that it is English.

Reform system.
"It has been urged," he said, "that it is English, and, again, that it is Chinese, but while it doubtless existed in China before it was tried anywhere else, the examinations to-day go hand in hand with money while so far from its being English, the system. the examinations to-day go hand in hand with money while so far from its being English, the system is universal in Europe, except in Russla and Turkey. Even in Russla appointments are not made without some attempt to ascertain the fitness of the candidate."

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Speaking of the objections made to the examinations, he remarked that Abraham Gruber had recently written to the Commission for specimens of the questions submitted to candidates, and on their being sent to him had called to say that he wanted to see the ones given to carpenters, painters, etc., and these had not been included in the specimens. He was told that painters and carpenters were not asked to answer written questions, but were sent to a trade school, where their ability to paint and do carpentering was ascertained by actual work. Whereupon Mr. Gruber expressed great surprise, and said that the system was a much more sensible one than he had imagined.

## FLOWERS AND FRUIT.

DELICACIES FOR THE SICK POOR-CLOTH-ING, TOYS AND BOOKS ARE BEING DIS-TRIBUTED BY THE WEST

SIDE MISSION. The West Side Fruit and Flower Mission has been busy all this week distributing fruit and delicacies, clothing, toys, evergreens, etc., among the hospitals

and the sick poor in tenements, and will continue the work until this evening. The visitors of the Bible Society aided in the dis-

on, and one big box was sent to the nurses of

tribution, and one big box was sent to the nurses of the Polytechnic Hospital, to be used for the Christmas tree in the children's ward.

The mission is a new one, having been organized this fall, and active work has just been begun. The rooms will now be open every afternoon during the winter for the reception of contributions and the winter for the reception of contributions and one for distribution. It is intended principally, for bospital work, and was located on the West Side because so many hospitals are being removed to that quarter.

The officers are Miss Rosalle Doremus, president; Mrs. P. J. Searing, vice-president: Mrs. H. Le Roy, Cox, treasurer, and Mrs. William Elsiffer, secretary. The managers are Miss Ellish King, Miss Ellizabeth Nightingale, Mrs. George Waddington, Mrs. Oscar Strauss, Mrs. Anson P. Atterbury and Miss Ida Hallett.

The rooms are at No. 30 West Thirtieth-st., and all contributions, excepting money, should be sent there. Checks should be drawn payable to the treasurer, Mrs. Cox, No. 449 Park-ave.

MRS. NEWENHAUPT TO MARRY AGAIN.

The engagement is announced of Mrs. Reinold Abraham Newenhaupt, widow of Count Newenhaupt, who was Miss Neille Bayard, youngest daughter of Ambassador Eayard, to Mauritz Hagren, a young architect of Paris. The ceremony will occur at the French capital, though no date has as yet been fixed. Mrs. Lewenhaupt was married to her former husband in 1891, he being at that time a draughtsman in the works of the Harlan & Hollingworth Company, of Wilmington. Del. It was the Count's intention to return to Sweden, his native land, to take charge of a large shipbuilding company, but within two weeks after his marriage to heavard he died.

MRS. SADIE BODINE.

THE INVENTOR OF A CONTRIVANCE TO HOLD IN PLACE THE SKIRT OF THE BICYCLE MAIDEN.

The first woman who has invented any mechanical appliance relating to the bicycle is Mrs. Sadie

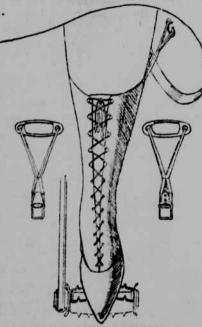
An invention for women by a woman has a pratical ring to it, and an enthusiastic wheelwoman is bound to know the needs of her fellow-wheelwomen as no mere man could, however laudable his intentions. In riding a wheel Mrs. Bollise was her inability to keep her skirt from blown about with the wind, no matter how substantial the material used or how heavily it was



MRS. SADIE BODINE.

weighted. She set about to design some contrivance for her own convenience, and a clever invention

This device to keep the skirt from blown This device to keep the skirt from blowing or to adjust its proportions if it is too long or too wide, and prevent its catching on the wheel, consists of a small clasp, one end of which is cat like time teeth and bites the shoe stocking or learning. Through this clasp runs a piece of round clastic, which revolves on a tiny troubley-wheel concealed in the clasp, and connects with a sort of safetypin, which is pinned to the under side of the skirt. Thus, the harder the skirt is blown by the wind the tighter the teeth in the clasp bite, precluding any possibility of the skirt rising above the



THE SKIRT PROTECTOR.

place where it is caught. Neither is there any danger of the pin tearing the materiel, as the elastic gives with the movement of the leg.

If the skirt is too wide and there is danger of its blowing into the back wheel the clasp and pin both may be fastened on the under side of the skirt, the clasp at the back and the pin near the front breadth; this brings the fulness at the sides, leaving the back wheel as free as it would be if divided skirts were worn.

Only two other patents for holding the bicycle skirt in place have been granted, and both of these require the use of an elestic garter.

Mrs. Bodine comes honestly by her knack of inventing useful ematrivances. She is a great-great-granddaughter of Gethro Wood, the inventor of the cast-iron plough and the metal door lock. Her father, the late Albert H. Wood, made some of the most valuable inventions in plano forks, and was the first to introduce rubber into their construction.

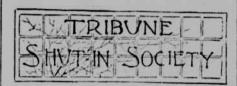
Mrs. Bodine's first invention was an improved.

tion. Mrs. Bodine's first invention was an improved variety of sewing machine needles. Besides her ingenuity in mechanical lines she is well known as a decorator and furnisher of artistic apartments, and has written several popular topical songs. This remarkably versatile woman has seen but a quarter of a century, and possesses a charm of manner and grace of person that are somewhat difficult to associate with machinery and patent officers.

"Blow, bugies of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north and south let the long quarrecease;
Bing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of goodwill to man."
—(Whittler.

Tiffany *Favrile* 

> For Holiday Gifts, TIFFANY STUDIOS, 333 Fourth Avenue.



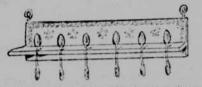
My Dear Shut-ins: The Christmas season is a beautiful one, and the generous custom of Christmas presents is even more beautiful. Nothing will give a lovelier expression to the face than self-for-getfulness and tender thought for others, and the smile that is the most winning of all is the one that is brought to lips and eyes by seeing another's is brought to lips and eyes by seeing another a pleasure which you yourself have brought about. The Christmas holidays should be made especially enjoyable to children and people who know little or nothing of this world's brightness and beauty. Give them as much happiness and sunshine as possible, and remember that you will invariably receive what you give out. If you give indifference and neglect and harshness, you will just as surely receive them in return, for this strenge old world is a magic mirror, which reflects every act. If you know of some shivering, wretched child, go to him and warm and comfort him; if you recall some oil, neglected, friendless woman, go to her and give her good gifts and be her friend. If you know where sin and suffering are darkening lives which in no way brought the blight upon them, there is where your goodness and sunshine and tenderness are needed and should be lovingly taken. If Caristmas Day be clear and bright and beaufind, your face and voice and smile should match and reflect it all. If it he duil and gray and gloomy, the face should be all the brighter and the voice ail the sweeter and the smile all the sunner.

A SHUT-IN FOR TWENTY-IVE VEARS Give them as much happiness and sunshine as pos-

A SHUT-IN FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Many sorts of Christmas novelties, such as pin cushions and bonbon boxes, can be made in the shape of a football.

Something new for a Christmas gift, and one that may be easily made, is an after-dinner coffee spoon rack. Any carpenter can make the foundation. consists of a smooth piece of white wood twenty-four inches long and three inches wide, fit-



the spoon. Sketch some quaint design, and stain it in with burnt sienna or delft blue. When thor-oughly dry, coat with copal varnish. This makes a dainty ornament hung just over the tea table.

An engagement calendar is an attractive gift and an extremely useful one for any Shut-in to give busy friend. Take a narrow piece of thin board, and decorate it by hand. If you can't get the board, take cardboard and cover it with some delicate shade of si kolene. There should be pockets



board covered to correspond with the foundation :3 which the pockets are attached. Bore two holes in cach side of the pockets directly opposite two corresponding holes in the foundation, and bring a ribbon from the back through each of the pockets and the in a dainty bow. The days of the week should be printed in gilt letters or in a color to match the ribbon used.

### GOING ON TO-DAY.

Dr. M. Augusta Brown-Girard will lecture at 3 o'clock this afternoon, in her rooms, No. 24 West Seventy-eighth-st.

Mrs. Emma C. West will address the Professional Woman's League at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon on "The Philosophy of Expression."

This is Pennsylvania Day at the Commercial Trav-ellers' Fair, and William F. Harrity is chairman, Many prominent men and women will be present.

The Philomathean Society will present two Christmas plays this morning in the chapel of the Nor-mal College, Sixty-eighth-st.

The West Side Fruit and Flower Mission will continue its distribution of gifts to-day at No. 205 West Thirtieth-st.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF WOMAN'S WORK. A stockinette baby doll, life size; paper doll men, picture frames arranged to hold "the winter girl, the summer girl, the witty girl, the pretty girl, the adored girl and the girl that's his no more," among the original attractions of the Christmas sale at the Madison Avenue Depository and Exhand-painted chinaware has been increased. There

Cleveland is honorary manager. The vice-presi-dents are Mrs. David B. Ivison, Mrs. J. Jarrett Blodgett, Mrs. Arthur B. Twombly and Mrs. Jacob Hays. Mrs. J. Hull Browniag, Mrs. Chauncey S. Truax, Mrs. Herman O. Armour and Mrs. Anson R. Flower are also on the Executive Committee.

array of gastronomic delicacies, including pies and

MISS WILLARD'S HEALTH IMPROVING. Castile, N. Y., Dec. 23.-Miss Frances Willard this evening requested the United Associated Presses to the dispatch sent out from here to-day under a misapprehension, to the effect that she was

Miss Willard says that while it is true that her trip to the Pacific Coast has been relinquished on the advice of her physician, who deems it unadvisable to add a lecture to her official work, her health is not seriously impaired, and she is advised that she will be entirely recovered with a few months' rest here.

Miss Willard has two stenographers engaged with her large correspondence.

WORK IN LITTLE ITALY.

The practical work of the Woman's Republican Association did not end with the active campaign efforts. The Harlem auxiliary was especially enits work in "Little Italy," under the personal direction of Mrs. Stephen King, and as a personal direction of Mrs. Stephen King, and as a result of this work and influence a club of young Italian men, thirty-eight in number, from the ages of eighteen to twenty-one years, has been formed. It meets at No. 30? East One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st. Mrs. Cornella Stewart Robinson gives them instruction every Sunday evening in economics. They are allowed to ask questions, as in a school, and great results are expected from their ardent desire to learn something of the nature of labor and wages, all of which so nearly concerns them. FUN FOR THE CHILDREN.

SANTA CLAUS CALLS ON THE YOUNG FOLKS AT THE HOTEL MAJESTIC.

Glass ALTHOUGH DEAR OLD KRIS KRINGLE IS VERY BUSY WITH THE POOR LITTLE CHAPS, HE

> The children of the Hotel Majestic were enterained last evening by the management of the hotel. A delightful Christmas tree was provided for them A delignitus Christmas tree was provided and the entire lower part of the house was transformed into a veritable fairy land, with garlands of flowers, ropes of evergreens and miniature forests of palms. Thousands of electric lights were covered by the glass globes of every hue and shade, giving a deflower. glass globes of every hue and snade, giving a de-lightful light effect through the foliage and flowers. A large Christmas tree was placed in the middle of the white and gold ballroom; it glittered with lights, and was covered with pretty favors, boxes of candy and the various "gew-gaws" so dear to the

child's heart, and without which Christmas would be dull, indeed. Then there were plies of mysterious-looking boxes

Then there were plies of mysterious-looking boxes under the tree, every one of which contained a Christmas gift from the owner of the Majestic.

Mrs. A. W. Cruikshank, Mrs. O. D. Gray, Mrs. J. Barker Brown and Mrs. Tarbell, who are guests of the hotel, trimmed the tree and took entire charge of the little ones during the evening. Mr. Tarbell of the little ones during the evening. Mr. Tarbell was dressed up to represent Santa Claus,

The ceremonles began at 7 o'clock, when the children formed in procession on the mezzanine land-ing, and, hended by Master Edwin Cruikshank and Miss Marjory Brown, they marched down the broad stairway, each child blowing a toy trumpet to call up Santa Claus.

They blew their trumpets lustily till they reached the ballroom, and there the joyous sight of old St. Nick, with a pack of toys on his back and covered with snow, stood to greet them.

The children were beside themselves with delight Santa Claus gave each a box of candy, a lot of toys and a lovely present in a box, which none of them were to open until morning.

After the presents were distributed the children

After the presents were distributed the children were taken into the dining-room, where they partook of a Christmas supper of cake and fee cream, and every other good thing that children like at Christmas time.

When supper was over a Punch and Judy show was given in the ballroom. The little ones then said goodnight and the procession marched to bed.

Among the children were Vera Schermerhorn, Master Swift Tarbell, Dritty Bigelow, Frank D. Crulkshank, Louise Tarbell, Schuyler Schermerhorn and Dorithy Rafferty.

#### THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

The Swedish Fair which was recently held in Brooklyn reilized over \$3,000. The money is for a Swedish hospital, and the prosperous Swedes of New-York and Brooklyn are contributing very generously to the fund by personal subscription. The managers of the project trust to be able to begin work on the hospital next spring. It will be built in South Brooklyn.

A little more than half a century ago the custom f decorating Christmas trees was scarcely known in New-York. It is estimated that to-morrow nearly a half-million trees will be used in Greater rating the Santa Claus tree and making the Christmas season a bright and happy one for the children has gone almost around the world, and is now as firmly established as the laws of the land.

Every day this week the Salvation Army's Santa . Claus (Major Winchell) has gone out in his wagon to canvass the town for shoes and stockings. There calling for 1.200 pairs of shoes and stockings, and the supply on hand will not answer the demand.

A general invitation has been sent out to all poor children of the city; a present of some kind and a hox of candy will be given to the little ones that have no coupon for shoes. Donations should be addressed to No. 120 West Fourteenth-st., and marked There are fifty pairs of woollen "bootees" already

sent in to be given to mothers for their babies. An interesting programme has been planned, and

Mrs. Booth-Tucker will preside. At 7 o'clock all the children will assemble in the second gallery of Memorial Hall, No. 120 West Fourteenth-st. The Thristmas tree will be at the back of the large platform, while in the front will be arranged, according to size, the shoes. As Santa Claus calls for the children holding coupons with any particular, size marked on them, the little ones will march down,

its eighth annual entertainment at Central Opera House, Sixty-seventh-st, and Third-ave., on the evening of January & The committee has made arrangements for the production of the extravaganza "The Sleeping Beauty," under the management of Adelf Newberger, in which sixty children will take part. The performance will be followed by a bail. As on previous occasions, the proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to charity. In England they frequently celebrate important

events by making and baking enormous ples. A pte baked in 1846, in honor of the repeal of the corr struction, and was fully seven feet in diameter pounds, was made in honor of Queen Victoria. More than 50,000 people partook of it. As a way of celebrating Christmas Day, many different associa-tions will give "pie entertainments."

Mrs. Frank Sittig, president of the Brooklyn Christmas Tree Society, is busy with preparations for the annual entertainment and distribution of gifts to the poor children of the city. The society wishes to make the little ones as harpy as possible, and would like those who want to aid in the good work to send in contributions of money and toys to Mrs. Frank Sittig, No. 378 Jefferson-ave, Brooklyn. White's express will forward all boxes and packages free of charge.

Mrs. Harris R. Smith, of No. 204 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, gave the other day an elaborate luncheon in honor of Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff. Covers were laid for twelve, and the decorations were especially handsome, suggesting the Christmas Day, now so near. Mrs. Smith were a lovely gown of silver gray satin. The guests were Mrs. Charles Moore Mrs. Francis L. Eames, Mrs. W. C. Wallace, Mrs. John Stoddard, Mrs. W. W. Rossiter, Mrs. Alfred T. Martin, Mrs. Henry Richardson, Mrs. Ebe. Knowthon, Mrs. William M. Van Anden and Mrs. George Tangeman.

The pupils of the Children's Aid Society Industrial School, at No. 61 Poplar-st., Brooklyn, enjoyed their -unual Christmas treat of leegram and cake yester day morning in the schoolroom. The children first gave end of quaint and curious calendars on exhibition. some interesting exercises, which their friends and a The culinary department sets forth an alluring number of the mothers witnessed. After the cream and cake there was a Christmas tree and the distribution of toys, fruits and candles. One hundred and twenty-five little ones were present. This morn-ing at 10.30 o'clock the pupils of the school at No. 139 Van Brunt-st. will enjoy their Christmas festivi-

> Philadelphia leads the van in abolishing smokingcars on the street railroads. The women have made a ceaseless war against them, objecting to the discrimination, which caused many unpleasant delays to them. Many men, who objected to smoke and the unsightly condition of the floors of the smoking-cars. joined the ladies in complaining to the road man-agers, and at last the Board of Health informed the proper authorities that expectorating had to be stopped in the streetcars. This settled the matter.

President Cleveland planted a fine young elm tree last week in the hole left when the Lincoln tree was blown down during the heavy September gales. The tree was selected by Mr. Pelfer, the White House gardener, and Mr. Cleveland, accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland, the children and Mr. Thurber, placed the young sapling in position while Mr. Peifer shovelled in the earth. It is at the west end of the grounds, near the gate, opposite Secretary Herbert's office.

ave, and Seventh-st., Brooklyn, is in a prosperous condition, according to the latest report of the treasurer. Robert A. Roulston. With a balance of \$1,200 in the treasury last Easter, the sum was increased to nearly \$9,000, which paid off all debts, loans, charities, coal, gas and choir expenses, repairs, interest and pastor's salary, leaving a balance of nearly \$400. The Rev. William Morrison is the rector. It pays to buy at Vantine's.

### Teakwood Cabinet bargains at Vantine's

The Cabinets are richly hand carved by deft-fingered Chinese artists. Some are on stands, with beautiful marble tops, others are without the stands. These cabinets are exceedingly artistic and attractive and are designed for the display of vases and bric a-brac.

In our Holiday sale now going on, we have reduced the prices as

\$110.00 Cabinets for \$88 00 \*112.50 Cabinets for 90.00 125.00 Cabinets for 120.00 150.00 Cabinets for 136.00 170.00 Cabinets for 140.00 175.00 Cabinets for 150.00 250.00 Cabinets for 200.00

SPECIAL PRICE REDUCTIONS IN ALL DE-PARTMENTS.



Chinchilla, Fox and Grebe-All the new tyles in Muffs, Capes, Collarettes, Scarfs and loas in these delicate, elegant and fashionable furs, at lowest prices. C. C. Sh Furriers, 42d st., near 6th atc. L.

HOME FOR MISS CORSON.

AN APPEAL MADE FOR THE INVALID BY THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION OF COOKING TEACHERS.

Miss C. C. Bedford, president of the New-York As-ciation of Teachers of Cookery and Editor of "Table Talk," has just started a movement for every teacher of the association to pledge herself according to her ability to give a yearly sum toward keeping up a home where Miss Juliet Corson, who is a confirmed invalid, may be made comfortable for the rema

The members of the cooking school association have taken up this matter with much enthusiasm. They recognize the fact that Miss Corson has made their profession for them. Mrs. D. A. Lincoln has sent as her first contribu-

tion to the Juliet Corson Home \$25 and pledges her-self to pay that amount yearly. Miss Parloa has pledged herself for \$10 a year, and many other friends of Miss Corson who are not of the association have pledged themselves to equal amounts, among them In the early seventies Miss Corson, then an editorial

writer for "The National Quarterly Review," was first made to see the need of a systematic teaching of the principles of cookery to the women victims of Black Friday. She gave her time and thought as well as much of her money to this mission work and to teaching the women and children of the working classes how to buy and cook the most nutritious foods for the least money.

Miss Juliet Corson was the pioneer of the cooking school movement in this country, and is universally recognized as the "mother of cookery." Ever since she perceived the necessity of such knowledge. which was about thirty years ago, she has devoted all her time and strength, and not a little of her money, to the work of propagating it. She taught the women and children of the working classes how to buy and cook the most nutritious foods for the least money, and printed and circulated at her the least money, and printed and circulated at her own expense over 50,000 copies of a book showing how to prepare fifteen-cent dinners. A medal and diploma were awarded to her in 1893 for sanitary diatetics by the New-York State Cooking Exhibit at the World's Fair; and, although at that time she was confined to a wheeled chair, she was prenent every day teaching and performing the duties of a judge.

Miss Corson is now suffering from an incurable disease, and has not the means to procure proper medical treatment and care. Yet her physician says she may linger many years, and the New-York Association of Cooking Teachers has charged itself with the work of making her last days comfortable.

marked on them, the little ones will march down, receiver their gifts and pass out. When all the shoes are gone, the children who have received none will be given a gift from the tree.

There will be addresses made by Brigadier and Mrs. French; Miss Girgopattzl, the Italian cornetist, will play several selections; Professor Rimonozey will give a violoncello solo, and the brass band will play at intervals.

Association of Cooking Teachers has charged itself with the will be association feels that in view of her services to humanity it is only right that the public should help her now, and therefore appeals to all who can afford it to subscribe file, or more, annually, for five years, toward her support. Others are asked to give according to their ability to meet her will give a violoncello solo, and the brass band will play at intervals.

No. 15 East One-hundred-and-thirty-first-st. New York City, and all sums will be duly acknowledged.



Lobster cutlets make a good side dish for dinner or luncheon. To prepare them, says "The Philaand add two ounces of butter, browned with two speenfuls of flour and seasoned with a little sait, pepper and cayenne; add half a pint of soup stock, stir over the fire until quite hot, and lay in separate tablespoonfuls on a platter; when cold, shape into cutlets, brush with the beaten yolk of an egg, dip in pewdered bread crumbs, fry a delicate brown and serve with sprigs of parsley. Crab meat can be used in the same way.

To utilize cold boiled cabbage, mix it with grated cheese, put it in a buttered dish, moisten with milk, cover thickly with bread crumbs and bake.

Mrs. Rorer gives the following recipe for a frozen fruit salad: Peet and slice four bananas; add a quarter of a pound of candied cherries cut into quarter of a pound of candled cherries cut into quarters, the pult from ohe shaddock, two con-served green gages cut in small bits, and half a pound of white grapes. Sprinkle all with half a cup of granulated sugar, a tablespoonful of Ja-maica rum and half a pint of champagne; let it stand half an hour, add half a pint of cold water, turn into a freezer and turn the freezer until the mixture is partially chilled. Serve at once in punch classes.

Fruit Cake.-Cream well together three-quarters of a pound of butter and three-quarters of a pound of sugar. When well mixed, add the beaten yolks glass of brandy, one of wine, half a grated nutmeg, glass of brandy, one of wine, half a grated nutmeg, half a teaspoonful of allspice, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, half a pound of citron, one pound of raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of finghish wainuts, half a pound of fines, one pound of flour, added with the fruit; then the lightly beaten whites of five eggs. Have ready a large, well-greased cakenan, or, better still, place in the bottom and around the sides well-greased paper cut to fit the pan. Pour in the batter, and bake in a moderate oven.

employments that wears upon the woman who gives all her time to them. A man may work harder, but his occupations are often so varied that one care drives away another.

altogether a fratter of circumstance. It is no doubt best for those who dine late to take little or no

breakfast, but the farmer, who rises before day-light and does two hours' work before he eats, re-quires a good, substantial meal. A REFUGE FOR PLEEING ARMENIANS.

In a letter received a few days ago by Miss Frances E. Willard from Lady Henry Somerset, it is stated that France has expelled 200 Armenian refugees, and that the women who are interested in the movement to establish a refuge for those who are continually fleeing from Turkey are put-ting forth renewed energy to perfect their plans, It is the intention to establish this refuge somewhere in Bulgaria, near the border, possibly near where in Bulgaria, near the border, possibly near Varna. Lady Henry has sent out a party to investigate and to report as to whether or not Varna will be the best place for such a refuge.

Miss Willard says that money is needed for all this work and to provide shelter for the many who are homeless. The Duke of Westminster is establishing colonies to which some of the people may be sent and others might be sent to other countries, if funds were at hand for that purpose, Contributions for the cause may be sent to Brown Brothers, New-York or London, and will be forwarded by them to the disbursing committees.

His Last Alias.—"Your cousin was a sort of casy-speakin' feller with a crook in his eye?" said Rubberneck Bill to the inquiring tourist.
"Yes. Right name was William Hickelberry. Did he go by that name here?"
"Naw. He ! ad half a dozen other names, though. The last one I remember, was give to him by the boys. An' it was Ole Stocking."
"Really? How did it happen?"
"Well, you see, it was Christmas Eve when they hung 'im up."—(Indianapolis Journal.

The Mayors of Brooklyn, New-York, Long Island City, Jersey City, Hoboken and Newark will be at the Commercial Travellers' Fair this evening, and will auction off the dolls.